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Inventor : Masamichi Fujiwara et al.  
Title : MULTI-WAVELENGTH GENERATING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS BASED ON FLATTENING OF OPTICAL  
SPECTRUM  
Assignee : Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp.

The present application is a divisional under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 10/655,675, filed September 4, 2003, by Masamichi Fujiwara et al. entitled "MULTI-WAVELENGTH GENERATING METHOD AND APPARATUS BASED ON FLATTENING OF OPTICAL SPECTRUM" which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/900,613, filed July 6, 2001, by Masamichi Fujiwara et al. entitled "MULTI-WAVELENGTH GENERATING METHOD AND APPARATUS BASED ON FLATTENING OF OPTICAL SPECTRUM" which is based on and claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-207475 and 2000-207494 both filed July 7, 2000, 2000-218424 filed July 19, 2000 and 2000-266125 filed September 1, 2000, and which is also based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2001-199790 and 2001-199791, both filed June 29, 2001.

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

- X   Print EFS Data Sheet
- 112 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
- 26 Numbered Claims Calculated as 26 Claims for Fee Purposes
- 74 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 71. (Formal)
- X   Preliminary Amendment
- X   Copy of PTO 1449 as filed by applicant in Appln. Ser. No. 09/900,613
- X   Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application under

37 CFR 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

X Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on

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Convention Date September 1, 2000 for Japan Appln. S.N. 2000-266125.

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